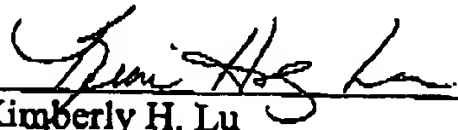


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**HONORABLE SIR:**

Responsive to the Office Action of November 10, 2004, having a three month response date of February 10, 2005, timely extended for two months through and including April 10, 2005, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

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It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those that are provided for in documents accompanying this Response. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 20-0823.

The Examiner issued a further restriction to the following two groups:

- Group I: claims 1-8 and 19-26, which are drawn to a brine solution of phosphate salts.
- Group II: claims 11-18, which are drawn to a dry phosphate salt mixture.

At this time, Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-8 and 19-26) without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a separate patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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